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July 14, 1997

Chris Benson
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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities, Goldstrike
Exploration Project, E/053/052, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Benson:

On July 3, 1997, the Division received your Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration on your proposed Goldstrike exploration project, located in Sections 16, 20 and 21, T29S, R18W, SLBM, Washington County, Utah. The BLM designated file number for this project is unknown at this time.

We have evaluated this notice under the Exploration section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-2 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. By accepting this application, the Division expects the operator to conduct exploration activities in compliance with the Operation and Reclamation Practices of Rule R647-2-107, 108, and 109 as no variances were requested in the notice.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service. Before conducting mining operations on these lands, the operator must provide formal written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency. It is our understanding that you have submitted a notice to the BLM for their review.

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286. When in the area, a member of the staff will inspect the site. Please reference our designated file number E/053/052 when replying.

Sincerely,



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